

Voter Registration Information

Registering to vote is simple and free. For anyone who is not registered to vote, they can get a registration form online at www.sos.ca.gov. They are also available at most post offices, libraries, city and county offices, and the Secretary of State's office. Below is a sample of the state and federal voter registration forms.

To register to vote you must be a U.S. citizen, a California resident, at least 18 years of age on Election Day, and not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony.

To request a voter registration form or to find out if you are registered to vote, just call your county elections office or the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at 1-800-345-VOTE, or visit www.sos.ca.gov.

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CALIFORNIA VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

Fill out this form if you are a new voter, have moved or changed your name, or want to change your political party choice. You must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old by the next election to use this form. Use blue or black ink. Print clearly.

Your legal name: First name _____ Middle name _____

Last name _____ *Optional:* ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss

Home address — not a P.O. Box or business address — (Number, Street, Ave., Drive, etc. Include N, S, E, W) _____ Apt or unit # _____

City _____ State **CA** Zip _____ California county _____

If you do not have a street address, describe where you live (Cross streets, Route, N, S, E, W) _____

Mailing address — if different from above, or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Foreign country _____

Date of birth _____ U.S. state or foreign country of birth _____

CA driver's license or CA ID card # _____ If you do not have a CA driver's license or ID card, list the last 4 numbers of your Social Security Number, if you have one. * * * _____ SSN (Last 4 numbers)

Email (optional) _____ Phone number (optional) _____

Do you want to register with a political party? *Phone numbers are posted at polling places on election day.*

Yes, I want to register with a political party (check one):
☐ American Independent Party ☐ Green Party ☐ Peace and Freedom Party ☐ Republican Party
☐ Democratic Party ☐ Libertarian Party ☐ Other party (specify): _____
☐ No, I don't want to register with a political party. (If you check this box, you may not be able to vote for some parties' candidates in primary elections.)

To receive a vote-by-mail ballot in all elections, initial here: _____

If you were registered to vote before, fill out below:

First name _____ Middle initial _____ Last name _____

Previous address where you were registered _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Previous county _____ Political party (if any) _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Will you be 18 or older by the next election? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Read and sign below.
 I am a U.S. citizen and will be at least 18 years old on election day. I am not in prison or on parole for a felony. I understand that it is a crime to intentionally provide incorrect information on this form. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information on this form is true and correct.

Voter Signature _____ Month / Day / Year _____

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Important! To vote in the next election, you must mail or deliver this card at least 15 days before the next election. New voters who register by mail may have to show their ID at the polling place the first time they vote.

Tear here and fold. Moisten edge to seal. Do not staple or tape.
 The bottom part is your receipt.
 Keep it until you receive a Voter Notification Card in the mail.

Optional

A. ☐ Check here if you can be a poll worker.
 (If bilingual, indicate language: _____)
☐ Check here if you can provide a polling place on election day.

B. Your ethnicity/race: _____

C. Check your language preference: ☐ English ☐ Spanish
☐ Chinese ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Korean ☐ Tagalog ☐ Japanese
 中文 Việt ngữ 한국어 Tagalog 日本語

Did someone help you fill out or deliver this form?
 If yes, the person who helped you must fill out and sign both parts of this green box.

Signature _____ Month / Day / Year _____
 Name: _____
 Org. name, address, and tel. (if any): _____

(This part is the voter's receipt.)

Signature _____ Month / Day / Year _____
 Name: _____
 Org. name, address, and tel. (if any): _____

Questions, problems
or to report fraud:

Contact the Secretary of State.
 Call: 1-800-345-VOTE (8683)
 Email: elections@sos.ca.gov
 Web site: www.sos.ca.gov

Or contact your county elections office.

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Voter Registration Application

Before completing this form, review the General, Application, and State specific instructions.

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		This space for office use only.					
Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							
If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete form. (Please see state-specific instructions for rules regarding eligibility to register prior to age 18.)							
1	(Circle one) Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV		
2	Home Address		Apt. or Lot #	City/Town	State	Zip Code	
3	Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above			City/Town	State	Zip Code	
4	Date of Birth ____/____/____ Month Day Year		5	Telephone Number (optional)		6	ID Number - (See Item 6 in the instructions for your state)
7	Choice of Party (see item 7 in the instructions for your State)		8	Race or Ethnic Group (see item 8 in the instructions for your State)			
9	<p>I have reviewed my state's instructions and I swear/affirm that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ I am a United States citizen■ I meet the eligibility requirements of my state and subscribe to any oath required.■ The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be fined, imprisoned, or (if not a U.S. citizen) deported from or refused entry to the United States.						
<p>Please sign full name (or put mark) ▲</p> <p>Date: ____/____/____ Month Day Year</p>							

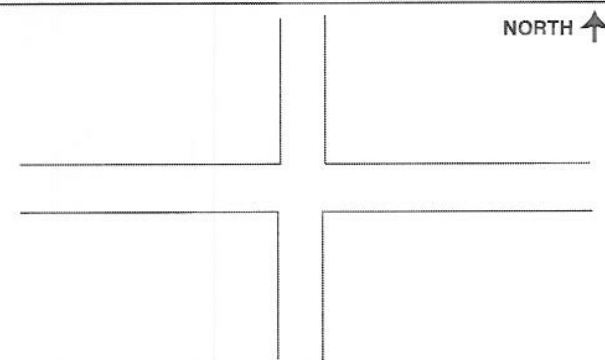
If you are registering to vote for the first time: please refer to the application instructions for information on submitting copies of valid identification documents with this form.

Please fill out the sections below if they apply to you.

If this application is for a change of name, what was your name before you changed it?

A	Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV	
If you were registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2, what was your address where you were registered before?						
B	Street (or route and box number)		Apt. or Lot #	City/Town/County	State	Zip Code

If you live in a rural area but do not have a street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.

C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Write in the names of the crossroads (or streets) nearest to where you live.■ Draw an X to show where you live.■ Use a dot to show any schools, churches, stores, or other landmarks near where you live, and write the name of the landmark.		<p>NORTH ↑</p> 
	Example	Route #2	
	Public School ●	X	

If the applicant is unable to sign, who helped the applicant fill out this application? Give name, address and phone number (phone number optional).

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Mail this application to the address provided for your State.

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Registering to vote

You can register to vote in California if you are:

- A resident of California
- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years of age
- Not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony

How to register to vote

You can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- Online at www.sos.ca.gov
- The Secretary of State's Office
- County and city elections offices
- Most libraries
- Most post offices

To vote in the November 4, 2008, General Election, your completed registration card must be either:

- Postmarked by Monday, October 20, 2008
- Delivered to a county elections office by Monday, October 20, 2008
- Delivered to any voter registration agency, such as the Department of Motor Vehicles, by Monday, October 20, 2008.

Information required to register to vote

To complete your registration you will provide your:

- Full legal name
- Home address
- Date of birth
- Signature
- Driver license number or last 4 digits of your Social Security number if you are voting for the first time in a federal election

Identification requirements to register to vote

- A valid California driver license number or California ID number
- Social Security number

If you do not have a valid California driver license number or California ID number, or a Social Security number, the state will assign you a unique number. You may be required to show identification when you vote.

If you do not have a California driver license, ID number, or a Social Security number, and you are registering by mail, you must provide a copy of one of the following:

- Valid photo ID
- A paycheck stub
- Utility bill
- A bank statement
- A government document
- Proof of eligibility under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Act (UOCAVA)

Selecting a political party

You may select a political party when you register, but doing so is not required.

If you check the box indicating that you do not want to register with a political party, you may not be able to vote for some parties' candidates in primary elections.

Updating your voter registration

Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up-to-date. You can do this by completing and returning the voter registration card with new information.

You should update your registration if you do any of the following:

- Change your home address
- Change your mailing address
- Change your name
- Want to change or select a political party

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Where to Vote: Your polling place location might change between elections. Be sure to check the back of your county sample ballot for the location of your polling place. You can also get this information by calling your county elections office or the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at 1-800-345-VOTE, or visiting www.sos.ca.gov.

Election Results: Want to know who won on Election Day? Get up-to-the-minute results at www.sos.ca.gov.

Election Info From A to Z: Registered voters will automatically receive the Secretary of State's Official Voter Information Guide in the mail a few weeks before Election Day. This nonpartisan guide has details on state ballot measures, including text of proposed laws, statements from supporters and opponents of ballot measures, impartial analyses of the proposed laws and potential costs to taxpayers, and other useful election information.

Registered voters also will receive sample ballots in the mail from their county elections offices. Your sample ballot will include information on local candidates and measures, if there are any, as well as the location of your polling place and an application for a vote-by-mail ballot.

For more information about how and where to vote, as well as other ways you can participate in the electoral process or get free copies of voter registration cards or voter information guides, call the Secretary of State's toll free Voter Hotline at 1-800-345-VOTE or visit www.sos.ca.gov.

Vote By Mail: The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 4, 2008, General Election is October 28.

Any registered voter can vote by mail in California. To vote by mail, you must apply to your county elections office for a vote-by-mail ballot at least seven days before Election Day to be eligible to vote by mail in that election. Use the form on the sample ballot booklet you receive in the mail a few weeks before Election Day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot, or send your request in writing to your county elections office.

You may return your voted ballot by mail, or hand-deliver it to your county elections office or any polling place in your county. In any case, your vote-by-mail must be received by elections officials before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

The Secretary of State provides voter assistance in seven languages:

English: 1-800-345-VOTE (8683)
Japanese: 1-800-339-2865
Spanish: 1-800-232-VOTA (8682)
Vietnamese: 1-800-339-8163

Chinese: 1-800-339-2857
Korean: 1-866-575-1558
Tagalog: 1-800-339-2957

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